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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003, entry of new claims 9-89, and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-8, are respectfully requested.

In the instant Office Action, claims 1-8 are listed as pending and claims 1-8 are listed as rejected.

1. The Examiner rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-8 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,307,017 contrary to the rules against double patenting. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection and in an effort solely to overcome this rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1-8. Newly added claims 9-89 are not coextensive in scope with claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,307,017 and are, therefore, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant Application is in a condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

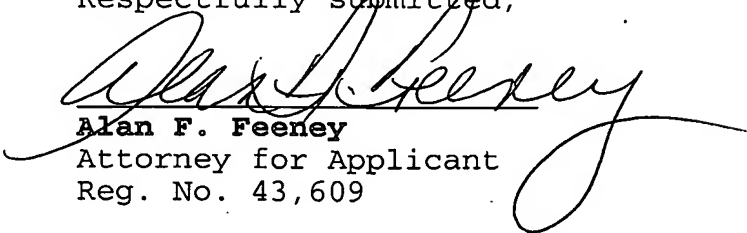
Should Examiner Teller deem any further action is required of the Applicants to place this application in a condition for issue, he is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0590. A duplicate copy of this reply is enclosed.

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